

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-25. (Cancelled)
26. (Previously Presented) A method of making a polymeric composition, comprising:
dynamically vulcanizing a cross-linkable ethylene-propylene-diene rubber in a polyolefin
to provide a thermoplastic vulcanizate; and then
after the dynamic vulcanization, combining the thermoplastic vulcanizate with
components consisting of a styrene-ethylene-butylene-styrene block copolymer, and, optionally,
mineral oil to provide the polymeric composition.
27. (Cancelled).
28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the polyolefin includes
polypropylene.
- 29-32. (Cancelled).
33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the amount of the styrene-
ethylene butylene-styrene block copolymer is at least about 5 parts per 100 parts of the
thermoplastic vulcanizate.
34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the amount of the styrene-
ethylene butylene-styrene block copolymer is between about 5 parts and 400 parts per 100 parts
of the thermoplastic vulcanizate.
35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the amount of the styrene-
ethylene butylene-styrene block copolymer is between 15 parts and 300 parts per 100 parts of the
thermoplastic vulcanizate.
36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[30]] 26, wherein the composition has a
hardness less than about 50 Shore A.
37. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[30]] 26, wherein the composition has a
hardness between about 10 and 45 Shore A.
- 38-39. (Cancelled).

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40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the mineral oil is included in the composition.

41. (Cancelled).

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the thermoplastic vulcanizate is combined with the components using melt blending.